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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Scot A. Weinberger et al.
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Filed : January 31, 2002
For : IMPROVED METHODS FOR PROTEIN
IDENTIFICATION, CHARACTERIZATION AND
SEQUENCING BY TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETRY
Group Art Unit : 1641
Examiner : Deborah A. Davis

Palo Alto, CA
April 4, 2005

Mail Stop: Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the November 2, 2004 Office Action, applicants submit the following amendments and response.

Applicants have petitioned currently herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two (2) month extension of time and paid the fee set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), extending time to respond to April 2, 2005 (a Saturday, making the response timely if filed on Monday, April 4, 2005).

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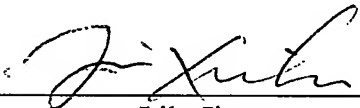
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Response to Office Action dated November 2, 2004
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